GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:337
ANSWERED ON:22.12.2015
Strengthening of KVKs
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) functioning at present in the country, State/UT-wise and the major activities undertaken by them during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government is considering to set up more Krishi Vigyan Kendras in various States and if so, the details thereof location-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to modernize the existing KVKs for dissemination of technology to farmers, if so, the details thereof and the funds earmarked for the purpose during the 12th Five Year Plan period;

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to revitalise the existing KVKs in the country; and

(e) whether any exchange programme exists for deputing farmers to foreign countries for learning the newer farm practices and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 337 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22/12/2015 REGARDING "STRENGTHENING OF KVKs"

(a) There are 642 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) functioning in the country. The State/UT-wise number of KVKs are given in Annexure-I. The State/UT-wise major activities undertaken by these KVKs during each of the last three years and the current year are given in Annexure-II.

(b) The Government has approved for setting-up 109 more KVKs in the country during 12th Plan. The location-wise and State-wise details of districts for setting up of new KVKs including Rajasthan are given in Annexure-III.

(c) & (d): The Government has approved for modernization/revitalization of selected KVKs with new facilities viz. Technology Information Unit, Mini Seed Processing facility, Provision of 25 KVA silent Genset to KVKs, Micro Nutrient Analysis facility, Establishment of vKVK and KVK Net and Specialized KVKs. In addition, provision has been made for providing additional facilities like Rain Water Harvesting Structure with Micro Irrigation System, Soil and Water Testing facility, Minimal Processing facility, Carp Hatchery facility, Integrated Farming System (IFS) and Additional KVKs for e-Extension facility to selected KVKs. The number of KVKs and funds earmarked for modernization/revitalization with new facilities and additional facilities during XII Plan is given at Annexure-IV.

(e) There is no exchange programme exists for deputing farmers to foreign countries. However, during 12th Plan, there is a provision for exposure visit of farmers within and outside state to facilitate them to interact with the researchers, scientists, farm innovators, entrepreneurs, etc for getting ideas about the new technology/enterprise/products and enable farmers for cross learning.

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